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SUBJ: UNCTAD PREFERENCE MEETING

SUMMARY. UNCTAD PREFERENCES COMMITTEE OFF TO SLOW START IN FIRST THREE DAYS OF SEVENTH SESSION WHICH BEGAN JAN 5. MEETING MARKED BY PREOCCUPATION GROUP 77 WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR MANILA MINISTERIAL, CIEC COMMISSIONS, UNCTAD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND UNCTAD IV WHICH EXPECTED BE LOCI POLITICAL THRUST FOR GSP IMPROVEMENTS. NEVERTHELESS SECRETARIAT STATEMENT AND INITIAL LDC STATEMENTS MAKE SPECIFIC CALLS FOR EXENTION AND IMPROVEMENT GSP SCHEMES. LATIN AMERICAN DELS PLANNING INTRODUCE RESOLUTION CRITICAL OF US SCHEME AND OPEC EXCLUSION. UNCLEAR WHETHER OTHER RESOLUTIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING INITIAL FORMALITIES, KRISHNAMURTI OF
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MANUFACTURES DIVISION GAVE OPENING STATEMENT NOTING THAT

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THIS MEETING WAS FIRST DURING WHICH ALL SCHEMES ARE IN
EFFECT AND THAT MEETING IS OCCASION FOR FIRST TRIANNUAL
REVIEW. HE ALSO TABLED MAIN POINTS SECRETARIAT PAPERS
INCLUDING INADEQUACY PRESENT SCHEMES IN MEETING OVERALL
GOALS OF GSP, NECESSITY FOR EXTENDING DURATION, SIMPLIFYING
RULES OF ORIGIN, AND BORADENING PRODUCT COVERAGE.
NOTED IMPLICATIONS OF OME CONVENTION FOR NON-MEMBER
LDCS AND CALLED FOR PREVENTION EROSIAN OF PREFERENCE
MARGINS IN MTNS THROUGH SUGGESTIONS IN SECRETARIAT
PAPER TD/B/C.5:37.

2. US REP (BRUNGART) FOLLOWED WITH DETAILED STATEMENT
SUMMARIZING US SCHEME AND INDICATING ERRORS AND OMISSIONS
IN SECRETARIAT PAPER ON US SCHEMES.

3. LDC DEL STATEMENTS TO DATE BY PAKISTAN, MEXICO,
ECUADOE AND VENEZUELA ALL CRITICAL US SCHEME AS VIOLATING
NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND NON-RECIPROCAL NATURE GSP AGREED
TO IN RESOLUTION 21 (II) UNCTAD II BY EXCLUSION OF
COUNTRIES AND USE OF GSP AS INSTRUMENT OF NEGOTIATION.
MEXICAN DEL CALIMED COMPETITIVE NEED AND PRODUCT EXLCUSION
ALSO VIOLATED PRINCIPLE OF GENERALITY. VENEZUELAN DEL
ALSO CLAIMED US SCHEME VIOLATES ARTICLES 19, 34 AND
37 OF OAS CHARTER AND ARTICLE OF CERDS.

4. EC AND JAPANESE SCHEMES ALSO BEING CRITICIZED FOR
RESTRICTIVE AND COMPLEX NATURE.

5. LACK OF INFORMATION ON SOCIALIST COUNTRIES SCHEME
NOTED BY LDC SPEAKERS WITH BOTH SECRETARIAT AND GROUP D
COUNTRIES BEING REQUESTED SUPPLY SAME AND GROUP D COUNTRIES
TO IMPROVE PRESENT PRACTICES.

6. CITING RESOLUTION UNGA, SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION,
LDC DELS CALLING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SCHEMES TO INCLUDE
ALL PRODUCTS FOR ALL COUNTRIES (INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY TEXTILES
BY (PAKISTAN) AT ZERO DUTY WITHOUT QUOTAS OR OTHER
LIMITATIONS AND WITH USE OF SAFEGUARDS ONLY AFTER
INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL. LDC
DELS FURTHER SUPPORTING SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION
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FOR PREVENTION EROSION IN MTN.

7. MISSION BY LETTER OF JAN 7 TO SECRETARY GENERAL
FORMALLY NOTIFYING UNCTAD OF US SCHEME INCLUDING COPY
OF TITLE V TRADE ACT, EXECUTIVE ORDER OF NOV 24, 1975.
DESCRIPTIVE PRODUCT LIST, CUSTOMS AND STR
REGULATIONS OF DEC 31, 1975, AND INFORMAL SUMMARY
US SCHEME AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS. MISSION WILL ALSO

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NOTIFY GATT SECRETARIAT PURSUANT GATT GSP WAIVER AND
WILL FURNISH ABOVE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS BUT WITHOUT
INFORMAL SUMMARIES AND DESCRIPTIVE PRODUCT LIST.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE
ALLEGATIONS US SCHEME IN VIOLATION OAS CHARTER.

9. SUGGEST US MISSION OECD GIVE FORMAL NOTIFICATION
TO OECD. COPY NOTIFICATION TO UNCTAD BEING POUCHED
DEPARTMENT AND US MISSION OECD. DALE

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